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Best

Wishes

FOR  
CHRISTMAS  
AND THE  
NEW YEAR



## EDITORIAL

Here we are approaching the end of another year. If the coming year is as "anti-guns" as the last, it should be about time for us to enter the fray.

Looking back over the gun shows, the parties, the shoots, the trade sessions and the regular meetings, I believe everyone has pretty well enjoyed themselves.

Already, for 1967 we can look forward to:

The MOOSE JAW SHOW 29 JAN 67

The SASKATOON SHOW 25/26 MARCH 67

The REGINA SHOW (Date to be set)

BLACK POWDER SHOOTS (Dates to be set)

The NEWSLETTERS being sent to members are filling in that gap between "Gun Talk" issues. At least everyone has an idea of what goes on at our meetings now.

WINNER of the RYE FED TURKEY was FRANK BERNASKI of Craven, Sask. Said turkey was delivered on 18 DEC to a surprised winner. CONGRATULATIONS FRANK.

By the way fellows, we far exceeded expectations on the Turkey-a pat on the back to each of the ticket sellers. Maybe our turn to win will be next time.

Those who were able to attend the Christmas Social enjoyed themselves. Visitors arrived from as far out as Saskatoon and Weyburn. The success of the venture must be credited to Mr. & Mrs. John LIVINGSTON; Mr. & Mrs. Rene GAUDRY; Mr. & Mrs. Ray STEEL; and Mr. & Mrs. Jon TAYLOR.

Don't forget to send in your \$1.00 to "Who's Who" - it makes your name available to the collectors passing through on holidays, and it makes your holidays worthwhile, being able to know that a certain dozen collectors can be met by planning your trip with it. Send to Box 643, Saskatoon, Sask.

As of JAN 1st, the ANNUAL FEES are due again, still \$4.00 a year, so take full advantage for another year of the S.G.C.A. At the request of our treasurer, pay your fees with POSTAL MONEY ORDERS.

NOTE: A limited number of S.G.C.A. Crests are available from the treasurer at the old price of \$4.00 each. The next lot will be more expensive, so order yours now.

TO EACH OF YOU, THE S.G.C.A. OFFICERS EXTEND SEASONS GREETINGS!

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IN MEMORY OF BRUCE BROOKS

BY L. Smith

A long time member of the Saskatchewan Gun Collector's Association, Bruce Brooks of Kindersley, passed away on October 2, 1966.

His name was among the thirty-five original members listed in the first Club Bulletin published in March of 1961 and has appeared regularly ever since.

Bruce was a solid supporter of our club. He never missed a Gun Show and will be remembered for his words of wisdom that guided the Club in many of its decisions.

He was a collector's collector, combining all those qualities that place a gun collector above an accumulator of old firearms. His interest in the old pieces was genuine, and he had a sincere desire to preserve these relics of our past.

Bruce Brooks was a true gentleman, in every sense of the word - a goal for which many of us strive, and after knowing a man such as this, we realize we can try a little harder.

The home of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Brooks always had a warm welcome for a visiting collector and his family - warmth that made one feel a depth of friendship from the start.

The S.G.C.A. Members extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Brooks and wish her to know that we all are left with fond memories of Bruce which we will never forget.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

BILL C-214

An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Firearms)

First Session, Twenty-Seventh Parliament, 14-15 Elizabeth II

First Reading, June 28, 1966

Mr. F. E. Leblanc (Laurier Riding,  
Montreal, P.Q.)

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent  
of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada,  
enacts as follows:

1. Subsection (4) of Section 90 of the Criminal Code is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

Manufacturing,  
repairing, buying or selling  
firearms

"(4) Everyone commits an offence who conducts, operates, or engages in the business of manufacturing, repairing, or of buying or selling firearms at wholesale or at retail in domestic or foreign markets unless he has a permit in Form 43A, or 43B, or 43D as the case may be."

therefor:  
Transactions  
dealing with  
firearms to be  
recorded

2. Subsection (1) of Section 91 of the said Act repealed and the following substituted

"91. (1) Everyone who conducts, operates or engages in the business of manufacturing, repairing, buying and selling firearms at wholesale or at retail in domestic or foreign markets.

(a) shall keep a record of every transaction that he enters into with respect to firearms, and

(b) shall produce that record for inspection at the request of a peace officer, and

(c) shall send at the end of each month to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the provincial police forces of his own province, a copy of his records in which are entered all transactions with respect to firearms, and

(d) the record shall show an adequate and complete description of the firearms, to whom they are sold, or for whom they are manufactured, or repaired.



3. Section 94 of the said Act is amended by adding immediately after subsection (8) thereof the following sections:

Regulations  
by Minister

"(9) Permits shall be on such special paper as may be required by regulations issued under the authority of the Minister of Justice.

Bilingual permits

(10) All permits shall be in English and French.

(11) No one shall carry or have in his custody a firearm without a permit therefor."

4. Paragraph (b) of Section 93 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"Firearms"

"(b) "firearms" means a pistol or revolver rifle, gun of any kind or type, or a firearm that is capable of firing bullets in rapid succession during one pressure of the trigger; and"

5. Subsections (1) and (2) of Section 97 of the said Act are repealed.

6. Form 43 in Part XXVI of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"FORM 43A"

Permit to manufacture firearms.

Form

This permit authorizes . . . . .  
(Name of holder of permit)  
of . . . . .  
to manufacture firearms.

. . . . .  
(Date of Issue

. . . . .  
(Signature of person  
authorized to issue permits)

. . . . .  
(Address)

"FORM 43B"

This permit authorizes . . . . .  
(Name of holder of permit)  
of . . . . .  
to repair firearms.

. . . . .  
(Date of Issue)                      (Signature of person  
authorized to issue per-  
mit)  
. . . . .  
(Address)

"FORM 43 C"

PERMIT TO BUY AND SELL FIREARMS AT WHOLESALE

This permit authorizes . . . . .  
(Name of holder of permit)  
of . . . . .  
to buy and sell firearms at wholesale . . . . .

(Indicate whether in domestic and/or foreign  
markets)

. . . . .  
(Date of Issue)                      (Signature of person author-  
ized to issue permit)  
. . . . .  
(Address)

"FORM 43D"

PERMIT TO BUY AND SELL FIREARMS AT RETAIL

This permit authorizes . . . . .  
(Name of holder of permit)  
of . . . . .  
to buy and sell firearms at retail . . . . .

(Indicate  
whether in domestic and/or foreign markets)

. . . . .  
(Date of Issue)                      (Signature of person auth-  
orized to issue permits)  
. . . . .  
(Address)

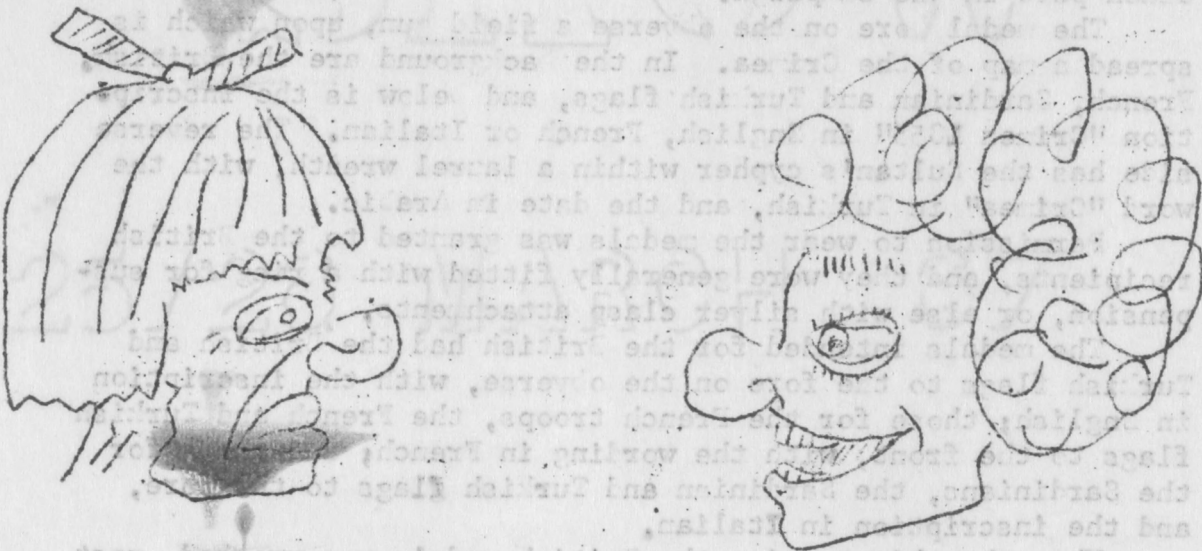


EXPLANATORY NOTES

The purpose of this Bill is to restrict the use of firearms which is at present too liberal, by establishing a systematic control not only for the buying and selling of firearms but also for the manufacturing and repairing thereof.

This Bill provides that everyone who has firearms in his possession shall have a permit therefor and that everyone who manufactures, repairs, buys and sells firearms, wholesale or retail, in domestic or foreign markets, shall keep an adequate and complete record of all transactions in relation thereto.

It is hoped that this measure will contribute to the war against crime.



BUT MOTHER, I'M NOT MARRYING HIM FOR HIS LOOKS! WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT'S FOR HIS GUN COLLECTION?

## FOREIGN MEDAL FOR WAR SERVICES AWARDED TO BRITISH PERSONNEL

by R. Gaudry

The CRIMEAN WAR was fought during 1853 to 1856 between England, France and Turkey against Russia, primarily in the Crimea around Sevastopol.

The war was fought to prevent Russian domination of Eastern Europe and the Levant. With hard fought battles and a mass of diseases to cope with, a group of women nurses, led by Florence Nightingale, helped to relieve the suffering of the sick and wounded.

The Russians were defeated, and concluded a peace at Paris in March of 1856.

At the conclusion of hostilities, the Turkish Government presented a silver medal to certain of the soldiers and sailors of the allied forces - British, French and Sardinians - who had taken part in the campaign.

The medal bore on the obverse a field gun, upon which is spread a map of the Crimea. In the background are the British, French, Sardinian and Turkish flags, and below is the inscription "Crimea 1855" in English, French or Italian. The reverse side has the Sultan's cypher within a laurel wreath, with the word "Crimea" in Turkish, and the date in Arabic.

Permission to wear the medals was granted to the British recipients, and they were generally fitted with a ring for suspension, or else with silver clasp attachments.

The medals intended for the British had the British and Turkish flags to the fore on the obverse, with the inscription in English; those for the French troops, the French and Turkish flags to the front, with the wording in French; and those for the Sardinians, the Sardinian and Turkish flags to the fore, and the inscription in Italian.

When the ship bearing the British medals was wrecked, most British soldiers and sailors received French or Sardinian medals instead of the ones originally intended for them.

However, a few British medals survived the shipwreck and surprisingly enough one eventually reached Regina, where I had the good fortune of recently obtaining it for my collection.





# SASKATOON SHOW

25/26 MARCH 67

FULL PARTICULARS TO FOLLOW

## THE OLD ONES

by Wes Bailey

Well, it's about that time again. What time you ask? Well, it's time for another issue of Gun Talk, just about a New Year and about time a guy thought of something for next years Gun Shows.

I have been thinking about this latter thing for some time now and that's just about as far as it goes, just thinking. I guess that I have been to enough Gun Shows to know that it takes a little preparation to skillfully display a collection. But as long as I have gone to the various shows, I have never been completely ready. I wonder how many other fellows end up the same way.

This coming year we will be celebrating Canada's One Hundredth Anniversary of Confederation. All organizations will center their activities around the celebration and the public will expect it. Our Gun Shows will be no exception, with this in mind it is time to stop just thinking and start doing.

I did manage to pick up a gun or two while on vacation this past summer, but nothing fantastic.

One of them though is quite interesting and if my name was Munster, I guess I would call it the most beautiful gun in my collection. But my name isn't Munster, although I have probably been called worse, so I will describe this hunk of firearm as much used and pretty well abused. What is it? Well, it's an old Hudson's Bay trade gun and believe me if some Indian had to pile beaver pelts as high as this gun is long, to pay for it, then he paid pretty dearly for it.

The gun itself measures just under fifty-two inches in total length and the barrel is thirty-six inches. It has two brass ram rod furels, a brass butt plate and a brass serpent or dragon on the side which is broken and part missing. Trigger guard, trigger and lock are all iron. The lock plate is marked BARNETT, LONDON, 1883 and has the typical Hudson's Bay Proof. The sitting big headed fox, facing left as you look at it. The most interesting part about the gun is the amount of use it has seen. The wood just in front of the trigger guard is worn right down and partly into the hole where the ramrod slides. No doubt it took many years of use to do this.

As bad as the gun looks it is in fair shooting condition and this is another interesting little thing. My brother, working in B.C., and by the way collecting a few guns, found this one for me. Being an amateur gunsmith he decided it needed some repair. The nipple was all fouled up and as he had a spare nipple decided to change it. You can probably guess what happened. He put the old gun in a vice and with a hammer and punch went to work. Just as everything was going smoothly the old beast went off. He wasn't hurt but his shop received a nice hole in the wall. Now he had checked the old gun for a charge



YOUR

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1967

SHOULD NOW BE!

\$ 4.00 PER YEAR FOR

—GUN SHOWS—

—GUN SHOOTS—

—GUN TALK—

—ETC. —

MOOSIE

JAW

SHOW

JAN. 29<sup>TH</sup>. 67.



WANTS AND TRADES

WANTED: Edged weapons of all types.

Gilbert COOK,  
3445 Portnall Ave.,  
REGINA, Sask.

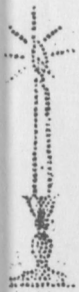
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The Western Development Museum of Saskatoon, Yorkton and North Battleford will have a travelling caravan of displays covering the province this summer. Among these displays will be guns of the Pioneer West. Anyone wishing to contribute items for this travelling caravan may contact Mr. George Wilson at the Museum in Saskatoon. The caravan will be travelling the whole province and you can see the possibilities it will present.

# CUSTOM GUNSMITHING

WISHES ALL THEIR CUSTOMERS

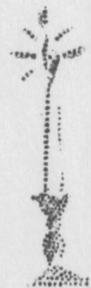
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446 Nightingale Rd.,  
WINNIPEG 12, Man.

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WEYBURN, Sask.

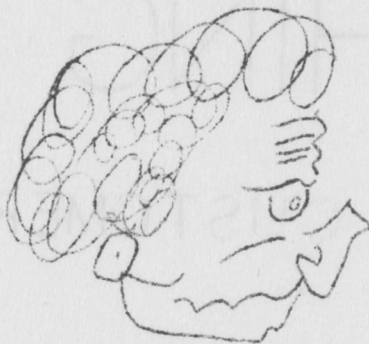
R. C. HALABURA,  
Box 146,  
ABERDEEN, Sask.

K. A. ROMMINGS,  
Box 9,  
HARDISTY, Alta.

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The R.C.M.P. Musical Ride will be appearing at the Pioneer celebrations in Saskatoon on July 1, 1967. This would be a very good opportunity to see this outstanding show and also to display your guns along with the Saskatoon members display.

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LOOK DET, FOR XMAS, INSTEAD OF THE REGULAR TIES AND HANKIES, GET ME A MEMBERSHIP TO THE S.G.C.A., SO I CAN READ "GUN TALK".



WANTS AND TRADES

FOR SALE: 1 Stevens 22, good and 1 Stevens 32, good. \$25 for pair or will trade for 17th Century books.

Wayne NELSON,  
Box 243,  
WEYBURN, Sask.

WANTED: Still need Colt revolvers, Colt rifles and Colt shotguns; have 6 Wind S/R carbines to trade; 44/40's, 38/55's and 32/20's.

Bill SPENCE,  
446 Nightingale Rd.,  
WINNIPEG 12, Man.

WANTED: Hammer and barrel latch spring for MK6 Webley Scott, 455

Bill STOTHARD,  
753 - 11th St.,  
BRANDON, Man.

WANTED: W W I Canadian and British grenades and C.E.F. cap badges.

Roy HANLON,  
146 - 7th N.W.,  
MEDICINE HAT, Alta.

WANTED: 76 Winchesters, Sharps rifle or carbine, Indian artifacts.

Mike KOROL,  
229 Winnipeg Ave., N.,  
SASKATOON, Sask.

WANTED: .25 Remington Cartridges and a .25 Remington reloading set.

Marwood MEACOCK,  
PIAPOT, Sask.

WANTED: Octagonal barrel and full magazine for 32 W.C.F. Winchester.

Ernie LOVE,  
325 Ave. X, North,  
SASKATOON, Sask.

WANTED: Any single shot rifle or carbine or revolver of the American Civil War period. Top prices paid or trade.

Les SMITH,  
411 Isabella St., E.,  
SASKATOON, Sask.

### WANTS AND TRADES

FOR SALE OR TRADE: (1) Winchester Model 1886, 26" oct bbl., full mag., little finish remaining, but fairly clean, light rusting, wood very good, small chip out of loading gate, bore good, all complete and working, \$70.00

(2) Winchester Model 64, cal. 32 Sp. standard rifle, non factory swivels, bore perfect, about 80% original finish overall except on left side of receiver where someone has done some cold blueing, wood excellent with two boxes ammo., \$95.00

(3) Model 1905 Winchester, 35 SL, no finish remains, barrel has some dents in it, sights have been replaced, buttstock very good, fore end cracked as usual, otherwise complete, looks not bad, \$25.00

(4) Winchester model 1890, early model T.D. with mortised breech bolt, barrel marked 22 WRF but is made to shoot 22 long, wood good, plus a nice looking gun, \$25.00

(5) Winchester Model 67, 22 S.L.L.R. single shot, wood good, plus metal very good, bore very good, fair shooter, \$12.00

The following hand guns are all new and subject to 4% tax.

(6) Western 22 cal. S.A. revolvers, 6 shot, simulated stag grips, made in West Germany by J.P. Sauer & Son, \$45.00

(7) Erma-Luger 22 cal., semi-auto., 8 shot, an economical replica of a famous pistol, \$59.50

(8) Replica of the Remington over and under deringer 22 cal., \$20.00

(9) New Navy Model 1861, 36 cal. percussion revolver, blued steel barrel and cylinder, brass frame, walnut grips, \$59.50.

36 cal. brass mould for above, \$11.00. Take them both for \$68.50

Three day inspection privileges on used items, postage or express extra, certified cheque or money order with order.

WANTED: Winchesters; Model 1892 T.D., 1885 Hiwall, 1895 carbine, 1873's and Deluxe models.

C. W. Bailey,  
Box 300,  
CLIMAX, Sask.

WANTED: Nazi daggers and medals. Will trade 25-35 Winchester.

Ray STEELE,  
112 Cardinal Cres.,  
REGINA, Sask.

WANTED: Rare Nazi daggers and other scarce Nazi items.

Andy WRIGHT,  
Box 712,  
SWIFT CURRENT, Sask.



The GERMAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
(DEUTSCHER SCHÜTZEN-VERBAND)

by J. Henderson

This group was a non-military organization composed of volunteer members who were interested in all aspects of small arm marksmanship, comparable to the National Rifle Association of the United States during the present times.

Each district which usually included several large cities had its local club, which was subordinate to the parent association.

The associations objective was to encourage the interest of the population in competitive sport shooting with rifles, pistols and shotguns.

Annual shoots were held by each district (Gau), with the winner going on to shoot at the German National Finals.

Recently I had the good fortune to obtain a shooting award from the "North Sea District", won in 1939.

It is interesting to note the Nazi Party influence on the organization - namely the two small swastikas on the front of the award.

The award is four inches in diameter, and is enclosed in a felt lined box.

I understand the Rifle Association is again developing, although it was disbanded during 1942 and kept disbanded for some time after 1945 when Germans were not allowed firearms of any type during the occupation.



THE MOOSE JAW CENTENNIAL GUN SHOW

JANUARY 29th, 1967

MOOSE JAW, SASK.

Held at the Moose Jaw Armouries - MAIN STREET NORTH  
- at the "top of the hill".

Doors open to members at 8.00 AM, the viewing public welcome  
after 1.00 PM. Doors close at 5.00 PM.

TROPHIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

BEST LEVER ACTION COLLECTION  
BEST SINGLE SHOT RIFLE COLLECTION  
BEST GENERAL LONG ARM COLLECTION  
BEST GENERAL HAND GUN COLLECTION  
BEST SINGLE SHOT LONG ARM  
BEST SINGLE HAND GUN  
BEST MILITARY ARMS COLLECTION  
BEST RELATED MILITARY COLLECTION  
BEST EDGED WEAPON COLLECTION  
BEST CARTRIDGE COLLECTION  
BEST RELATED ARMS COLLECTION  
BEST REPEATING RIFLE  
BEST MILITARY MEDAL COLLECTION

There is plenty of room, so everyone try to bring out a  
large display - Indian artifacts and military medals are  
welcome.

NOTE: A special award for each display not entitled to the above  
awards. There may also be an award for Indian Artifacts display

We are hoping to see several of the small collectors out  
to the show displaying - the more the merrier.

Remember, this is the 1st show for Moose Jaw - lets make it a  
good one.



Plants both in this country and abroad may show some variation in equipment but the basic process remains ~~unaltered~~ unaltered. One factory operating a few decades ago contained a circular iron bed seven feet in diameter, bearing two iron cylinders, each weighing four tons, and having a diameter of six and one-half feet. The "green charge" weighing approximately eighty pounds was spread evenly over the surface of the saucer shaped iron bed and the wheels started into motion through a gear or belt drive connected to the axle joining the two iron cylinders or wheels, to reduce the danger of accidental firing of the charge through friction between the mill rollers on wheel and the iron bed. It was first dampened with enough water to alloy dusting but not so much as to cause adherence of the charge to the iron rollers. Flows situated behind the path of the rollers turned the material near the periphery of the mill bed back into the course of the advancing roller. The ingredients of the "green charge" were incorporated beneath the mill rollers for four to eight hours, depending upon the quality of powder desired. The resulting mill cake was removed from the bed of the wheel mill and broken up by gun metal rollers into a granular form suitable for charging onto the plate of a hydraulic press. The press plates measuring twenty inches by twenty-eight inches were sandwiched around a layer of broken mill cake and pressure applied, in the vicinity of 400 pounds for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Cake density reached 1.7 to 1.3. The pressed mill cake was fed through pairs of granulating rolls to fracture the pressed powder into the familiar grains. Over-sized product was recycled to again become fed to the granulating rolls.

Drying to the 1.0 to 1.5% moisture content of commercial powder was accomplished by subjecting the grains to a forced draft of heated air. To finish the powder was polished by tumbling in a revolving cylinder or barrel, the friction of the contact between grains being sufficient to impart a glaze to the individual grains. When desired, graphite in the amount, one ounce per hundred pounds of powder was added to the barrel during the tumbling, glazing the powder grain surface. Graphite being an electrical conductor, offsets the tendency of the powder to accumulate static electrical charges during the handling that could bring on disaster through the spark of a static discharge.

Final screening was accomplished according to grain size, giving the familiar FG, FFG, FFFG, etc. powders. Analytical tests have been applied to measure black powder quality in scientific fashion; but perhaps the most critical and ancient test of black powder quality is the absence of the presence of a peaty solid residue on a cold surface after igniting a small heap of powder.

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## HAVE A LIBRARY

by Les Smith

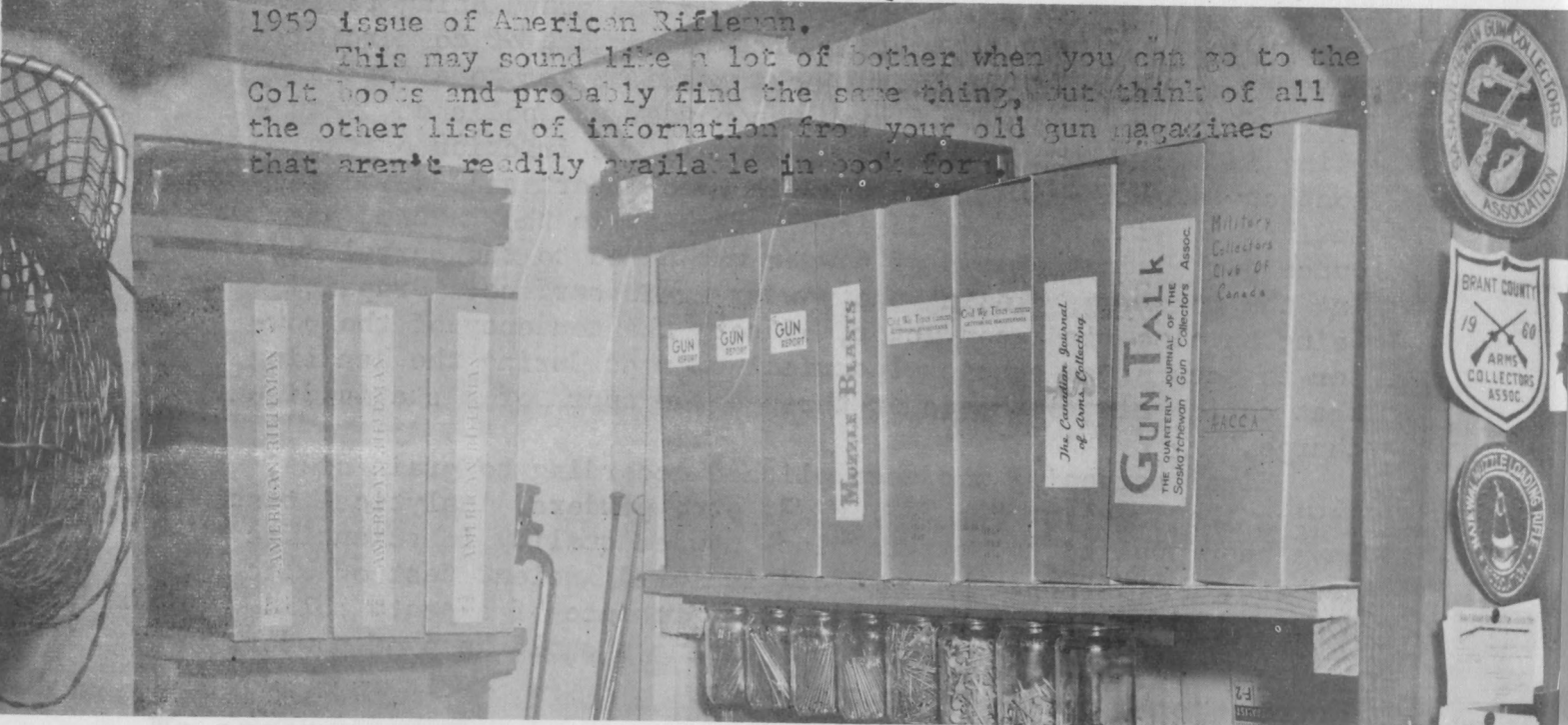
Here is a solution to a problem that had me perplexed for a long time, it may help some of you to devise a better way to.

**PROBLEM:** How do you keep back issues of gun magazines neat, tidy and accessible for research information.

**SOLUTION:** Ordinary file binders from your stationery store are about the cheapest form for a compact, dust free storage. These binders will cost less than a dollar each and you can include two or more years, with a minimum of effort, in each binder. Cut out the appropriate name from the various magazines and glue them to the edge of binder and you have a readily identifiable label.

If you haven't a means of indexing the information you can now go through each book and jotting down, alphabetically, the articles that attract your interest. This will give you a thorough, but rather haphazard means of looking up any reference material. If you want to be more efficient, and it will save time after its once done, gather up all information on one subject and list it separately. For instance, under the C's you would have, Colts, cartridges, collecting, Custer and so on. Gather up all the information on Colts, listing it by models, or whatever you prefer, give the name of the magazine, year, month and even page. You will surprise your friends how quickly you can find information on the Storekeepers Model as told in the 1959 issue of American Rifleman.

This may sound like a lot of bother when you can go to the Colt books and probably find the same thing, but think of all the other lists of information from your old gun magazines that aren't readily available in book form.





Now he had checked the old gun for a charge before he started working on it but somewhere or another he miscalculated. It just goes to show that when you find one of these old muzzle loaders you can't be too careful before you start working on them.

Before I get away from this bit on Hudson's Bay trade guns I would like to pass on this little story: My brother, the same one as mentioned before had bought a Hudson's Bay trade gun and some other related objects from an old Indian woman. This particular gun is in very nice condition and is about six inches shorter than the one previously mentioned. If I remember rightly the lock is dated 1889. Now he had quite a time when he went to purchase the old gun, seems the old girl couldn't speak English. Anyway he rounded up an interpreter and the story of how the gun was purchased or should I say traded for is this;

Many moons ago this old Indian woman's father travelled to a Hudson Bay trading post to make a trade with the white man for a Thunderstick. Their terms of trade were that he fill the barrel with gold and when it was full he had enough to take the gun. Now I never heard of too many Indians digging or panning for gold but being that they lived in an area near a few gold bearing mountain streams, I suppose it could be true. If it is true; then he must have had the most expensive gun ever bought by an Indian. Wow! and I complain about today's prices.

To EVERYONE Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

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# HAVE YOU GOT YOUR

# WHO'S WHO

## THIRD EDITION

CANADIAN WHO'S WHO

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SASKATOON SASK.

## BLACK POWDER AND ITS MANUFACTURE

by B. Beasley

Black sporting powder as we know it today is little changed in composition from the European powders of 1560, when certain Belgian powders reportedly contained by weight 75% saltpeter, 15.62% charcoal and 9.38% sulphur. What then, even after allowing for greater purity of chemical ingredients today, is the explanation of the vastly improved ballistics of modern day black sporting powder as compared with its 16th century counterpart? Many of us were inquisitive youngsters before the space era brought along its flurry of accidents to would be compounders of homemade rocket fuel, tried compounding black powder in our garage laboratories only to find that if we adhered strictly to the saltpeter, sulphur and charcoal combination in reasonably small amounts, we were disappointed. Not only did our custom made powder fail to deserve the caution called for in the directions for its preparation, but often it failed completely to ignite even when the 75-15-10 proportions were adhered to.

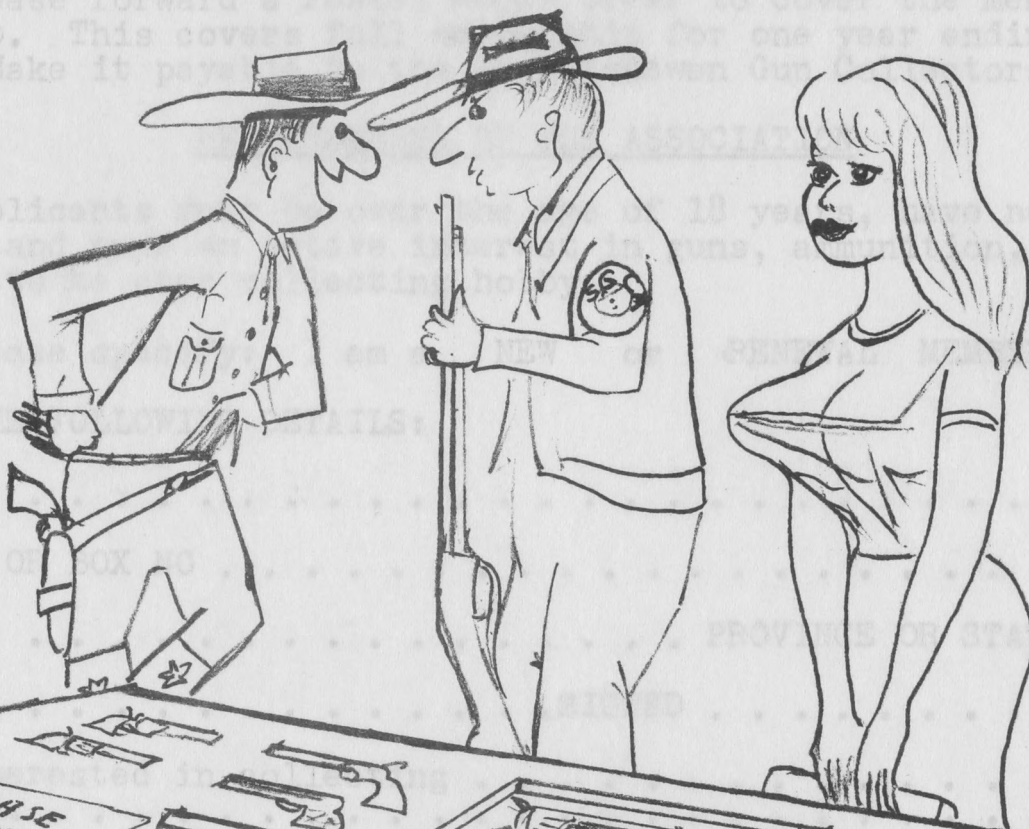
The reason of course, why homemade black powder of quality equal to commercially available powders of today cannot be prepared lies in the difference in degree of pulverization and incorporation of ingredients in the two. The burning rate of black powder of given composition is much faster when suitable equipment is available to thoroughly incorporate the ingredients. Invariably, this equipment is found only on the premises of the powder manufacturer. Today there is little incentive to the manufacturers to improve black powder quality with the dramatic year by year decline in usage that is shown by comparison of the 1935-1939 average consumption of 65.4 million pounds of black blasting powder, with the mere 5.6 million pounds consumed in 1956. Admittedly, these figures do not refer to black sporting powder, but the incentive to improve quality of all black powders would logically be on the decline. Fortunately, the technology of black powder manufacture was brought to such a level as to assure an excellent product before the introduction of other more powerful powders began to displace the former in general usage.

The modern black powder manufacturing differs little in principle from its 19th century predecessor. Basically, steps in manufacture can be outlined as follows:

1. Initial mixing of saltpeter, sulphur and charcoal to form "green Charge" to mill.
2. Incorporation of ingredients in wheel mill or stamp mill.
3. Granulation of mill cake.
4. Dressing of granulated mill cake.
5. Corning or granulating pressed mill cake.
6. Drying.
7. Finishing, either by tumbling or coating with graphite, or bath.
8. Screening.



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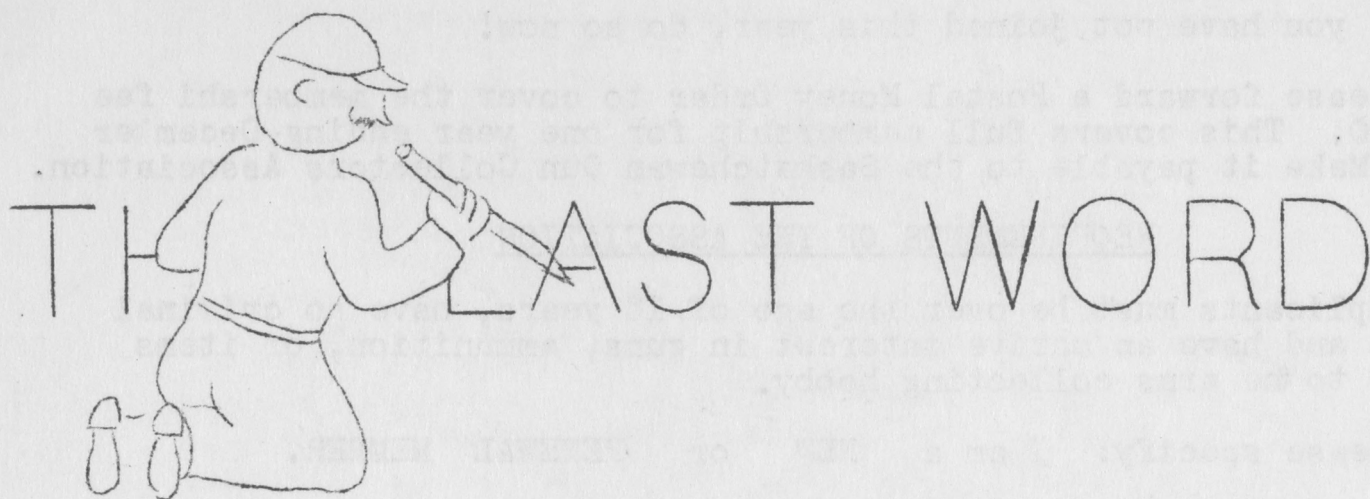
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